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Air Freight Up 11.9%
In First Three Quarters of 1987

Washington, D.C., November 2 — Air freight increased 11.9 percent during the first three quarters of 1987, compared with the same period a year earlier, and was up 15.4 percent in September, based on traffic results of 21 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in the first three quarters of the year increased 9.6 percent. Mail volume was up 5.0 percent. Total cargo volume including freight and mail increased 8.5 percent.

International air freight of U.S. airlines during the first three quarters of 1987 rose 14.7 percent. Mail volume increased 0.1 percent and total cargo was up 13.1 percent.

Domestic air freight in September rose 14.6 percent. Mail volume registered a gain of 7.1 percent. Total domestic cargo volume was up 12.9 percent.

International air freight of the U.S. airlines in September rose 16.3 percent. Mail was up 1.6 percent and total cargo increased 14.8 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
SEPTEMBER 1987	377,715	99,114	476,829	326,355	32,120	358,475	704,070	835,304
SEPTEMBER 1986	329,613	92,565	422,178	280,573	31,610	312,183	610,186	734,361
PERCENT CHANGE	14.6	7.1	12.9	16.3	1.6	14.8	15.4	13.7
9 MONTHS 1987	3,109,261	914,046	4,023,307	2,696,760	299,099	2,995,859	5,806,021	7,019,166
9 MONTHS 1986	2,836,939	870,925	3,707,864	2,351,147	298,705	2,649,852	5,188,086	6,357,716
PERCENT CHANGE	9.6	5.0	8.5	14.7	0.1	13.1	11.9	10.4

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.